

MEN THREATEN TO TE-UP ALL "L" ROADS BY STRIKE

Say Promise of Preference in Giving Out Subway Jobs Has Been Broken—Denial by August Belmont, Who Defends Company's Position.

The 3,500 employees of the "L" railroads at a meeting which lasted till nearly midnight voted to back up their Executive Committee "in any action it might take" to enforce their demands for preference on the subway.

Already a committee of investigation has recommended a strike, if necessary, to enforce the demands of the men. So the opening of the subway promises to be the signal for the tying up of the entire elevated railroad system of Manhattan.

Employees of the elevated system complain that the officials of the Interborough Company have deliberately violated a verbal agreement made some months ago to the effect that old and experienced employees of the elevated roads would have preference for places on the new subway.

A general meeting of the employees of the elevated roads was called for yesterday and lasted far into the night. It was voted to stand by the Executive Board.

TO PRESENT ULTIMATUM MONDAY.

This is held to be tantamount to voting for a strike. The Executive Board will present an ultimatum to the officials of the Interborough Company on Monday.

An answer will be demanded within forty-eight hours.

Refusal on the part of the Interborough Company to stand by the verbal agreement will be accepted by the men as a declaration of war.

"If the company does not keep the agreement," said a prominent member of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, "every wheel on the Manhattan elevated system will be rusting within forty-eight hours."

The following statement was made at Mr. Belmont's office to-day, and it was announced that Mr. Belmont approved of it:

"It is a fact that the employees of the elevated division have presented a grievance, and we have extended a most cordial invitation for their committee to meet us Monday and talk the matter over. I hope there will be no need of a strike."

"The company made an agreement, verbally, a year ago to employ on the subway any of the employees of the elevated who wished to change places and who could qualify for those positions."

"That agreement the company will religiously observe. Every employee of the elevated who wishes to enter the service of the subway may do so. But they must qualify. The two systems are radically different. The elevated system is not like the subway system, and a motorman on one would have to learn the other system."

NO SENIORITY OF SERVICE.

"In the verbal agreement we made nothing was said about the elevated men taking their seniority of service with them into the service of the subway. That is the principal point on which the elevated men are making their grievance. Such a thing would be manifestly unjust. It would not be fair for a man who has worked fifteen or twenty years on the elevated to enter the subway service with that seniority to his credit. If they change places they must give up their seniority. The subway is an entirely separate system and we intend to keep it as such. When the subway starts every man will be on an equal footing, and we say let the best man win. After that their seniority in the service of the subway alone will count."

"Another point which seems to us unfair is that the motormen insist on being employed in the subway. The elevated was originally a steam road, and as such the engineers were members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. When the system was turned to electric we made a concession to the engineers that while they were not motormen we would employ them as such, would call them moto-engineers, so that they would not lose their identity, and agreed with the Brotherhood to pay them \$3.50 a day, which is the highest pay ever given to motormen."

"The subway is originally and essentially an electric system and does not require engineers. I fail to see why we should deal with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in the employment of motormen. Now, it would be more reasonable if the motormen's union asked for an agreement for such employment."

BEAR HAND OF ENGINEERS.

"As it is we have fixed the pay of subway motormen at \$3 a day, which is higher than that of any other motormen with the exception of the moto-engineers of the elevated. I do not see why the elevated motormen wish to take a job in the subway at less pay. We have been led to partly believe that it might be because they wish to force us to employ members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers."

The motormen of the Elevated road will meet at No. 119 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to-night, and it is understood that they will sanction the action of the conductors and guards. They will be addressed by Chief Jenks. Harry Pinney, head of the Division of Locomotive Firemen, who have been doing other kinds of work on the Elevated since steam as a motive power was abandoned, will be with the motormen to-night. His organization approved the plan for a strike a week ago. After to-night's meeting a joint conference will be held by delegates from the motormen, firemen and conductors and guards.

The call for the general meeting was sent out by George E. Pepper, president of Division No. 832, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America.

The meeting was also largely attended by representatives of the local branch, No. 105, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a contingent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. Many of the motormen and firemen joined this latter organization when the change was made from steam to electricity in this city.

When a strike was talked of on the "L" roads several months ago, the motormen were reluctant to take part. The situation was compromised at that time, it is said, by a verbal agreement giving the experienced "L" employees preference when it came time to hire men for the Subway.

This agreement is said to have been made between representatives of the Amalgamated Association and officials of the Interborough Company. Because of the immunity from severe weather conditions work in the underground is regarded by the men as more desirable.

ELEVATED EMPLOYEES OVERLOOKED.

It was recently brought to the attention of the men that employees for the Subway were being hired and that they were being overlooked.

A committee consisting of the Executive Board of the Amalgamated called upon Frank Hedley, superintendent of the Interborough Company, and complained against the alleged violation of the agreement.

Hedley is said to have acknowledged the existence of such an agreement, but said the company would employ whom it pleased, and that the only way for the "L" men to get jobs on the Subway would be for them to send in their applications, as the outsiders were doing.

It was after this conference that the general meeting was decided upon. The question of whether the Executive Board would be sustained in whatever action it might take was put to a vote at the meeting, and was so enthusiastically carried that the shouts could be heard for several blocks.

After the general meeting President Power, Penny and Jenkins, of the three organizations, accompanied by the executive officers of the same

PRINCIPAL FIGURES IN THE CODY-DONOHUE FIGHT FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.



COMMITTEE SENT TO WARN MURPHY

Had Information of Certain Irregularities Under Way by the Republican Machine in Some Lower Manhattan Districts.

Because of the fact that so much information has been given out in regard to the interference by the National and State Committees in the McCarran-Murphy fight, a member of the State Committee who is competent to speak on the matter, said to-day:

"There never has been and is not any disposition of the State Committee Executive members to mix up in the McCarran-Murphy fight. McCarran was elected by the full committee, and it will take a majority vote to depose him. The chairman of the State Committee has no more power to act in that matter than any member. McCarran can be deposed only by the committee."

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CODY IS FIGHTING MATTY DONOHUE

Wealthy Contractor Is Contesting with Him for the Tammany Leadership in the Twenty-first Assembly District.

One of the hottest district fights in the city is that against Matthew J. Donohue, the veteran Tammany leader of the Twenty-first Assembly District. The man who is opposing Donohue is Joseph W. Cody, a wealthy contractor and builder, who lives in a fine old mansion at No. 87 West One Hundred and Eleventh street. He has built some of the biggest structures in the city; is a great handler of men and has an organization behind him that is carrying things along with a whoop.

The malcontents make many complaints against Donohue. They charge that he is not being active enough, that he has allowed the Republicans to make the banner Republican district of the city out of one that should really be the banner Democratic district. The phenomenal growth of the Twenty-first, it is charged, has been made up of Democrats, 3 to 1, but they have not been properly taken care of.

Donohue Not Worried. Mr. Donohue does not seem to be particularly worried over the opposition that has developed to his leadership. He has been running things up in the Twenty-first for over a decade, and he knows that opposition causes him no anxiety. Much of his time this summer has been spent in the mountains with his family, but during his absence the Cody adherents have been wasting no time.

They have formed a committee of 500 and have formulated a plan by which every voter in the district who is entitled to register his preference at the polls is to be reached by the Cody men. In addition to the letters the Cody men have circulated a pamphlet, printed in blue ink and adorned with an astonishing display of capital letters in which charges are made directly.

Cody an Old Inhabitant. Mr. Cody has lived in the district for twenty-three years, and he is well known to the voters. He is a wealthy contractor and builder, and he has a large following of supporters. He is a great handler of men and has an organization behind him that is carrying things along with a whoop.

A similar letter is said to be ready to spring in favor of Isaac A. Hopper, in the Thirty-first District, and it is declared to be significant that Daniel F. McMahon, whose title to the leadership in the Seventeenth is being disputed by John F. Curry, has not received one of those "boomer" letters as the letters are called.

"Maybe Dan's typewriter is spiked," said one of the Curry men last night. "He'll come along with a Charley Murphy letter after a bit. He'll do any stunt to hold his seat. It means a fortune to him to be leader."

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MURPHY BOSSING DISTRICT FIGHTS

Letters Purporting to Have Been Signed by Him Circulated by Supporters of John F. Cowan and Harry Hart.

Nothing has occurred in years in Tammany circles so disturbing as the alleged letters of endorsement from Charles F. Murphy sprung by district leaders upon meetings of their supporters in the pending primary fights. It is a move entirely without precedent in Tammany history. No leader of Tammany has ever before done anything so imperialistic. Even Richard Croker in his palmy days, when his word was law to the braves from the Battery to the Bronx, never presumed to dictate to the districts or even to whisper his own preference in the matter to district leadership.

It remained for the leadership of Murphy to develop this idea of dictatorship, if the letters are genuine. Two of the Letters Out. Such a letter was read to a meeting of Leader Harry Hart's supporters in the Thirtieth Assembly District, followed last night by a similar one addressed to John Miller, President of the Young Men's Democratic Club of the south side, Thirty-fourth District, in which Charles F. Murphy regretted very much his inability to be present to congratulate the club on the "praiseworthy stand it is taking in endorsing the candidacy of John F. Cowan, the present Tammany Hall executive member, who, in my opinion, has demonstrated himself to be a clean, efficient and satisfactory district representative, and whose continuance in that position will serve the best interests of the Democratic party."

Such interference from the Fourteenth street wigwag in district affairs is without precedent, and there are many scoffers, both among the friends and enemies of Murphy, who declare the alleged letters to be forgeries or fakes. Several doubters in the Harry Hart meeting demanded to see the original of the letter endorsing him for leader, and when it was produced it was found to be typewritten from date line to signature.

The saluted neither the friends nor the opponents of Leader Murphy. The former declared it to be very bad politics and they would not believe Murphy capable of it, while the latter laughingly denounced the letter as a fake.

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STATE DEMOCRATS ARE CONFIDENT

Not in Years Has There Been the Harmony Outside of the City That Exists in Up-State Counties.

PARTY UNITED AND THE LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED.

Committeeman Norman E. Mack Expects to See Legislature Democratic on Joint Ballot to Elect U. S. Senator.

There was joy among the Democrats about State and National headquarters to-day over the reports received from up the State. In years past the reports have been most discouraging for the Democratic cause because of the general disposition of the up-State Democrats to think there was a chance of success.

The situation is different, and to-day John B. Stanchfield, Norman E. Mack and George M. Palmer, Democratic leader of the Assembly, all declared that never within the past twelve years has the outlook been more encouraging and never have more Republicans been disgruntled with the management of the State organization. They reported the Democrats to be united.

Their reports coupled with the mail reports which he is receiving caused William S. Rodin, head of the organization bureau of the State Committee, to say:

"I have been more than surprised at the condition I have found up the State in the few days I have been at work. I believe that with the feeling of enthusiasm and co-operation we have discovered to exist that we are going to create the best organization we have had in years in this State. I feel encouraged by the outlook."

John B. Stanchfield, who is a candidate for Governor, declared that New York was never in better shape for a winning fight by the Democrats than now. "I have been about through the State considerably," said he. "On Thursday I attended a tremendous picnic in Livingston County where there were several speakers. I found the feeling of the Democrats present the best I have ever known. All kinds of Democrats are united this year. I talked with the five Bryan men who are most prominent in that part of the State, and they were all enthusiastically for Parker. I do not know of a Democrat in my part of the State who is not going to vote for Parker. It is that way throughout the State. The Democrats have got together, and a good many Republicans are going to vote with us."

The outlook was better up the State, said George M. Palmer, of Schoharie County, who is another prominently mentioned candidate for Governor, and is said to have the backing of Tammany. He said that this year his county is going to deserve more than ever its distinction of being the banner Democratic county in the State above the Bronx.

Norman E. Mack said that he had been investigating conditions in Western New York, and that he felt convinced that the Democrats would carry the State. "If we get the majority vote," said he, "I look to see the Democrats carry the Legislature and elect a United States Senator to succeed Chauncey M. Depew. I believe that can be accomplished."

As for the local quarrels down here, if there are any, the people up the State are paying no attention to them. They regard them as nothing more than petty squabbles.

BANK STATEMENT FAIR.

More Pronounced Increase in Loans Quite Met by Gain in Reserves.

Wall Street accepted the weekly bank statement issued to-day as technically favorable. The increase in loans was quite pronounced, but the reserves were quite met. The figures as issued at the Clearing-House were:

Loans increased \$1,000,000
Deposits increased \$1,000,000
Reserves increased \$1,000,000
Total increase \$1,000,000

A LIMIT.

One Thing Food Can't Do.

Food can't exactly paint a picture, but proper food to restore the daily wear and tear on brain and nerves as well as body can help. A successful artist said:

"I had been troubled with dyspepsia for 25 years, and my system was so run down I was so weak and miserable life was a burden to me until I made a great discovery about food."

"I am an artist by profession, and at that time was painting a large marine piece, but being in such poor health I could not do justice to it, and no matter how often I changed it there seemed always something wrong. Success lay just out of my reach because I did not have the strength and vigor of brain as well as bodily strength to accomplish what I knew lay within me."

"Looking around me for help I decided to try a food I had heard so much about, and that was the way I was led to use Grape-Nuts, and it came at the right time. I had hardly given it a fair trial before I began to feel so much better, my dyspepsia disappeared and I commenced to feel stronger and more vigorous all over, head and all, and it was not long before I was back at my work again with renewed energy and interest."

"Even more substantial proof of the help I got from this food was when I finished my painting and put it up for exhibition. Critics said it was a masterpiece, and I sold it a short time ago at a very good price. Before closing I want to mention the fact that my mother, in her 85th year, keeps strong and in fine spirits on her Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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CAMPAIGN IS ON AGAINST DOYLE

While Confident of Success, Anti-Tammany Democrats of the Seventh Learn that Fire Commissioner Proposes to Fight.

William A. Doyle, who was Murphy's representative in Brooklyn until he was deposed and Bird S. Coler placed in charge of the campaign against Senator McCarran, has decided to make a fight in his own district, the Seventh. For a time Doyle was so disheartened by the wholesale desertion of his followers that he is said to have been undecided about making a fight.

The coming week, however, he will pick up the remnants of the organization and endeavor to make a showing at the primaries, although his friends feel that there is no hope of his carrying the district, in view of the fact that Kenneth Suberland, John Murphy, Magistrate Voorhees, Judge Farling, Alderman Lundy and a dozen other leaders are expected to get up enthusiasm for the campaign, which will start the early part of next month.

The fight of the anti-Doyle crowd, led by Thomas E. Wogan, will be in earnest next week. Meetings will be held every night from Tuesday on in various parts of the district, not because there is any danger of failure to carry the district, but in order to arouse the Democrats to the fact that a Presidential campaign is on. The primary meetings are expected to get up enthusiasm for the campaign, which will start the early part of next month.

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